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Title : Need to establish a Textile Park at Guntur in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO (GUNTUR): Guntur district is the largest producer of Cotton in Andhra Pradesh. Next to Chilies, cotton is the primary source of income to farmers. More than 16 lakhs of cotton bales are being produced every year. Guntur and surrounding areas have more than 400 ginning mills and 30 spinning mills and another 50 spinning mills are going to be established in the area in the near future. The local industries are sending the cotton bales to Coimbatore, Gujarat and Maharashtra for further processing, as the local ginning and processing units are not able to meet the demand.

If the entire textile processing units are established at one place and around the proposed Textile Park at Guntur, the ryots growing cotton will be benefited by saving transport charges and valuable time. Further, the units of the proposed Textile Park can be established on the sea shore, where the effluent produced from the above units can be drained out into the sea.

The proximity of the proposed textile park to National Highway −5 and Guntur rail junction will help easy transportation of cotton and textile products. The textile park if established would also attract weaving and garment industries as well. Customs, containers, banking and quality control facilities can be provided under one roof.

Keeping in view the above facts, I request you to kindly sanction setting up of a Textile Park in Guntur comprising processing and other units which can provide gainful employment for the thousands of local experienced youth and this will help to develop value added technology also.